





#### **Presentation Outline**

- Review Project Path
- Review Currently Budgeted Items
- Discuss Options & Need for Jinks Creek Oyster Survey

# **Project Path**

#### Phase 1 - Feasibility Study: (Complete)

- Present the Conceptual Project to the Resource Agencies & Identify the Environmental Concerns (1st Agency Coordination Meeting).
- Based on the Agency Comments, Provide a Path Forward and Cost Estimate through Permitting the Project (April 15<sup>th</sup> 'Path Forward' Memo).

#### Phase 2 - Design (In Progress)

- Provide Design for Review to Resource Agencies
  & Town of Sunset Beach. (2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Coordination Meeting & Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting)
- Conduct Initial Field Investigations to Quantify Potential Environmental Effects. (Oyster Survey In Mary's & Turtle Creek)
- Estimate Construction Cost For Review by Town of Sunset Beach (Final Deliverable for Phase 2).





# **Project Path**

#### **Phase 3 - Environmental Permitting**

- Evaluate the Project's Environmental Effects.
  - Essential Fish Habitat Assessment (Atlantic Sturgeon)
  - ➤ Biological Assessment (Federally / State listed endangered or threatened species)
  - Cultural Resource Review (Historic / Archaeological Sites)
- Obtain Federal / State Permits for Construction
  - CAMA Major
  - ➤ USACE GP-291

**Phase 4 - Construction** 

**Phase 5 - Monitoring** 



## **Currently Budgeted Items**

- Feasibility Study Complete
- Design (61% Complete)
  - ➤ Refined Design (Refined Construction Template & Numeric Modeling)
  - Sediment Testing (Compatibility Analysis)
  - ➤ USACE Disposal Location (Identify Optimal Material Placement Site for Non-Compatible Material)
  - Oyster Survey (Mary's & Turtle Creek)
  - ➤ 2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Coordination Meeting (Review Design & Confirm Path Forward for Environmental Permitting)
  - Conceptual Cost Estimate (Construction)





## Options & Need for the Jinks Creek Oyster Survey

- Has Not Been Requested by Environmental Resource Agencies (CAMA, NMFS, NCDEQ).
- May Help Town Evaluate the Environmental Effects of Project.





## Options & Need for the Jinks Creek Oyster Survey

- Two Options Proposed for Survey (Neither Currently Budgeted)
  - ➤ Option 1 State Approve Protocols (\$207,000)
  - > Option 2 Presence / Absence (\$22,000)
- \* Both Options Qualify for Cost Sharing Under the Water Resource Development Grant.



#### Recommendation

The Jinks Creek Oyster Survey can be conducted after the design has been reviewed by the Town & Resource Agencies. This will allow the establishment of a definitive scope and survey area as well as the ability to confirm the need with the resources agencies at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Agency Coordination Meeting.





# Thank you!

**Questions and Comments**